

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 26, 2005

SENATE BILL

No. 284

Introduced by Senator Maldonado

(Coauthors: Senators Chesbro, Denham, Perata, and Speier)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chan, Shirley Horton, Jones, and Leno)

February 16, 2005

An act relating to specialty crops, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 284, as amended, Maldonado. Specialty crop funding.

Existing federal law, Public Law 108-465, authorizes block grants to state departments of agriculture to promote the marketing of specialty crops—products, for the purpose of enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crop funding those crops.

This bill would appropriate *a minimum of 15% of the block grant* to the Department of Agriculture for allocation to California food banks to support the marketing of specialty crops.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. ~~Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from A~~
2 *minimum of 15 percent of the federal block grant awarded to*
3 California pursuant to the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act
4 of 2004, Public Law 108-465, is hereby appropriated to the
5 Department of Agriculture for allocation by the Secretary of

- 1 Agriculture to California food banks to support the marketing of
- 2 specialty crops.

O